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TO: All Interested Parties

TOPIC: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED AIRBORNE TOXIC CONTROL MEASURE (ATCM) TO CONTROL PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS FROM PORTABLE ENGINES AND REVISIONS TO THE PORTABLE EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION PROGRAM (PERP) REGULATION

Dear Sir or Madam:

In 1998, the State of California identified particulate matter from diesel exhaust as a toxic air contaminant (TAC). Authorized by the Health and Safety Code, and as part of an overall diesel risk reduction strategy, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is developing a proposed Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) to control particulate matter emissions from portable engines. ARB Staff invites you to a public workshop to inform interested parties about the proposed ATCM, revisions to the PERP Regulation, and to obtain input and comments. The workshop agenda is enclosed.

The details for the public workshop is as follows:

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Date: October 3, 2003
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

As a result of ARB's continuing effort to increase accessibility and public participation, the workshop will also be broadcast on the Internet. By accessing the website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/portdiesel.htm>, interested parties will be able to listen to the workshop and submit comments or questions via e-mail.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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At the workshop, staff from the ARB will briefly summarize the draft proposed ATCM, the revisions to the PERP regulation, respond to questions, and receive comments. The proposed ATCM and the revisions to the PERP regulation are scheduled for consideration by the Board at the December 11-12, 2003, public meeting.

Please check our website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/portdiesel.htm> for updates, including destination maps for the public workshop and the upcoming Board meeting. The most recent ATCM and the revisions to the PERP Regulation will also be sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/peatcm/peatcm.htm>

If you would like to join or be removed from the postal mailing list, please call Heidi Green at (916) 327-5978.

The workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please call Susan Wyman at (916) 445-9477. If possible, please make contact by September 26, 2003. If you have technical questions regarding the proposed ATCM, please contact Mr. Grant Chin at (916) 327-5602. Technical questions regarding the revisions to the PERP Regulation should be directed to Mr. Todd Wong at (916) 324-8031

Sincerely,

/S/

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Enclosure

cc: (See next page.)

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